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**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

(Finance Expenditure-6 Branch)

**ORDER**

The 29th December, 2025

**No: FD-FE-6/8/2023-4FE6-Part(1)/343.-**

1. Whereas, the Department of Social Security and Development of Women and Children, Punjab intends to procure smartphones under POSHAN Abhiyaan for operating the POSHAN Track Application by Anganwadi Workers, Supervisors, and the Block Help Desk, for monitoring and data dissemination under the Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 Scheme.
2. Whereas, the procurement process initiated by the Department could not be finalised due to various issues, as a result of which the field staff faced difficulties in operating the applications, leading to ineffective delivery of services to the general public.
3. Whereas, the Council of Ministers, in its meeting held on 15.11.2025, accorded approval to relax the tendering norms regarding timelines and permitted the Department to issue a short-term tender of fourteen days for the procurement of smartphones under POSHAN Abhiyaan.
4. Keeping in view the public interest and the approval accorded by the Council of Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 63 of the Punjab Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 2019 (Punjab Act 12 of 2019) and all other powers enabling him this behalf, The Governor of Punjab is pleased to exempt Department of Social Security and Development of Women and Children, from the ambit of Sr No. 2 (Timeline for Submission of bids) of Appendix-1 of Rule-7 of the Punjab Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2022, and Punjab Transparency in Public Procurement(Amendment) Rules, 2025 and allows one time relaxation in submission of bids from 21 days to 14 days in this regard.
5. Due diligence, fulfilling all legal requirements and adherence to other relevant T&C of Procurement Act and Rules would be the responsibility of Administrative Department.

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Chandigarh
The 28th December, 2025

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